

U. S. and another increasing stringency of measure prohibiting importation of opium passed by Senate.

Washington. — Constitutional amendment forbidding polygamy introduced by Sen. Weeks of Mass.

Boston.—Barnard "Poco" Bennett, Harvard's famous money lender, dead. Indigestion.

Toms River, N. J.—Wm. J. Leshan acquitted on charge of murdering Mrs. Caroline Turner, whose body was found in woods over year ago.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Indictment of year's standing charging Clarence S. Darrow with bribing Robt. Bain, prospective juror in McNamara murder trial, dropped.

London.—Large unoccupied country house burned at Bath. Suffragets blamed.

London.—One man killed, several firemen seriously injured and many residents had narrow escapes in fire which gutted Park Mansions, where Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst formerly lived. Cause unknown.

New York.—Miss Ella North, 55, rich, found dead surrounded by Christmas gifts.

Denver.—Morals commission abolished. \$1,200 year too much to spend.

New York.—Several women surprised at having aigrettes, seized at New York, returned by U. S. treasury.

East St. Louis, Ill.—After playing penochle for 21 hours, jury disagreed on case of M. M. Gaularak, dairyman, charged with violating milk ordinance.

London.—4,800 asked permission to accompany J. Foster Stackhouse's antarctic expedition.

East St. Louis, Ill.—Louis Menges, saloonkeeper, possible candidate for sheriff of St. Clair Co., and Jos. Vonnahme, saloonkeeper and ex-alderman, out on bond, charged with operating hand-books on races.

Lorette, Manitoba. — Canadian northern train from Duluth and Fort William derailed. Five coaches, baggage and dining car overturned into

ditch. Passengers escaped with slight injuries.

New York.—"Stop chewing gum, quit fighting John Barleycorn and use money to build battleships," advice of Hudson Maxim, at "peace service."

New York.—No shortest day in year, says N. Y. weather man, Dec. 21st, 22d and 23d, same length.

Philadelphia.—Demand for treatment of cancer by radium so great that supply at Oncotag hospital is in use every hour of day and night. Has third largest supply in world.

Middletown, N. Y.—Unusually mild weather has caused hens to lay and set as if it were spring.

SCHMIDT TESTIMONY AWFUL

New York, Dec. 22.—Testimony in the trial of Hans Schmidt, self-confessed murderer of Anna Aumuller, has become so horrible that women who had previously sat with smiles of shame and terror on their faces, ran out of the courtroom on Saturday and will be prevented attending the sessions during the remainder of the trial.

One of the alienists, who will declare Schmidt is insane, will testify today. Dr. Perry Lichtenstein, the Tombs physician, who told of the confession Schmidt wrote out for him, took the stand for cross examination. The state endeavored to show that Schmidt wrote this for Lichtenstein as part of his plan to sham insanity.

REAL CHRISTMAS ON TONIGHT

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.—Five thousand poor children and parents will be given a real Christmas tonight in Central Park, where the trees and bushes today were loaded with presents, candies and household goods. A dozen Santa Clauses will distribute the gifts. Other relays of children will be entertained nightly until all have been provided for. The celebration was financed by the woman's clubs of Los Angeles.